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## Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Christopher J Brown

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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 October 2000.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 6/29/00 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103*

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

**Claims 1-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Garrison US 6,336,114 in view of Brown "Using Netscape 2".**

As per claims 1, 6, 11, 14, 15, 19, 20, 24 and 25, Garrison discloses a Client with a processor (DSP) and memory (disk) coupled to a local network (network interface), (Col 3 lines 53-65). Garrison discloses logic to input a password associated with a user, (Col 4 lines 28, 29, Col 5 lines 4-8). Garrison discloses logic to authenticate the password, (Col 6 lines 3-18).

Garrison does not disclose a FROM field.

Brown discloses authenticating a user with a password, (Pg 226 paragraph 1)

Brown discloses obtaining a from field identifier, and locking the from field identifier into a from field associated with data transmission, (Ray Gronberg gornberg@nando.net) associated with the user, (page 342 figure 13.13).

It would be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine Garrison with Brown because the authentication method of Garrison makes the email of Brown more secure.

As per claims 2, 7, and 12, Garrison discloses logic to input a username, (Col 5 lines 4-8).

As per claims 3, and 8, Garrison does not disclose a from field.

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Brown discloses a from field with the name of the user, (Ray Gronberg), (page 342 figure 13.13).

As per claims 4, and 9, Garrison does not disclose a from field.

Brown discloses a from field with an electronic mail address associated with the user, (gornberg@nando.net), (page 342 figure 13.13).

As per claims 5, 10, and 13, Garrison discloses logic to encrypt the password, (Col 5 lines 20-23). Garrison discloses logic to authenticate the user and password, (Col 6 lines 3-18). Garrison does not disclose a from field.

Brown discloses a from field, (Figure 13.13).

As per claims 16, 21, and 26, Garrison discloses authentication requires decryption of the password, (Col 6 lines 3-10).

Claims 17, 22, and 27 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Garrison US 6,336,114 in view of Brown "Using Netscape 2" in view of Misra US 5,742,769

As per claims 17, 22, and 27, Garrison-Brown does not disclose a domain controller.

Misra discloses using a domain controller to verify a password (authenticate), (Col 4 lines 45-65).

It would be obvious to one skilled in the art to combine Garrison-Brown with Misra because the authentication service increases security.

Claims 18, 23, and 28 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Garrison US 6,336,114 in view of Brown "Using Netscape 2" in view of Lee US 5,742,769.

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As per claims 18, 23, and 28, the Garrison Brown combination does not disclose requesting the From field from a server.

Langford discloses requesting the from field from a server, (Col 7 lines 35-50).

It would be obvious to one skilled in the art to combine Garrison-Brown with Lee, because a remote server allows email access from anywhere.


***Conclusion***

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher J Brown whose telephone number is 703-305-8023. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gregory Morse can be reached on 703-308-4789. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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